

Please CANCEL claims 28-31, without prejudice or disclaimer, as these claims were withdrawn from consideration.

Please AMEND the claims and ADD new claims as follows:

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23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising:

entering information on accounting lines by a person using a computer, the information entered on each accounting line relating to accounting activities and including an amount;

processing the information entered on the accounting lines by a computer to create posting lines, each posting line including a debit, a credit or a debit/credit pair relating to a respective amount included in information entered on a respective accounting line;

storing the created posting lines in an electronic catalog by a computer;

viewing posting lines stored in the catalog by a person via a computer, making corrections to the viewed posting lines via a computer by the person viewing the posting lines, and storing the corrected posting lines in the catalog by a computer;

marking respective posting lines stored in the catalog ~~by a person via a computer~~, so that the catalog thereby includes stored posting lines which are marked ~~by the person~~ and stored posting lines which are not marked ~~by the person~~;

selecting posting lines stored in the catalog by a computer in accordance with said marking;

posting the selected posting lines to a journal by a computer, to thereby create journal entries; and
posting the journal entries to a ledger by a computer.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as in claim 23, wherein said marking marks respective posting lines to indicate whether the respective posting lines are ready to post to a journal.

25. (CANCELED)

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as in claim 23, wherein said marking marks at least one corrected posting line stored in the electronic catalog.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:
means for entering information on accounting lines by a person using a computer, the information entered on each accounting line relating to accounting activities and including an amount;
means for processing the information entered on the accounting lines by a computer to create posting lines, each posting line including a debit, a credit or a debit/credit pair relating to a respective amount included in information entered on a respective accounting line;
means for storing the created posting lines in an electronic catalog by a computer;
means for viewing posting lines stored in the catalog by a person via a computer, for making corrections to the viewed posting lines via a computer by the person viewing the posting lines, and for storing the corrected posting lines in the catalog by a computer;
means for marking respective posting lines stored in the catalog ~~by a person via a computer~~, so that the catalog thereby includes stored posting lines which are marked ~~by the person~~ and stored posting lines which are not marked ~~by the person~~;
means for selecting marked posting lines stored in the catalog by a computer;
means for posting the selected posting lines to a journal by a computer, to thereby create journal entries; and
means for posting the journal entries to a ledger by a computer.

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32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as in claim 23, further comprising:
continuing to store posted posting lines in the catalog after being posted.

33. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as in claim 23, further comprising:
updating a flag corresponding to each marked posting line, the updated flag thereby
indicate that the posting line was marked,
wherein said selecting selects posting lines having updated flags indicating that the post
lines were marked.

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as in claim 23, further comprising:
posting the selected posting lines to a budget file by a computer, to thereby create
budget entries.

35. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as in claim 23, wherein the journal is a
respective journal of at least two journals, the method further comprising:
selecting additional posting lines stored in the catalog, other then the posting lines
selected and posted to said respective journal; and
posting the selected additional posting lines to a different journal than said respective
journal of said at least two journals.

36. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as in claim 35, further comprising:
continuing to store posted posting lines in the catalog after being posted.

37. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as in claim 23, wherein said making
corrections to the viewed posting lines does not require the user to refer back to accounting lines
from which the viewed posting lines were created.

38. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as in claim 23, further comprising:
marking respective posted posting lines in the catalog after being posted to indicate the respective posting lines have been posted.

39. (NEW) A method as in claim 23, wherein said marking marks respective posting lines that are not ready to post as being not ready to post.

40. (NEW) A method as in claim 23, wherein said marking marks respective posting lines to indicate whether the respective posting lines are posted.

41. (NEW) A method as in claim 39, wherein said marking marks respective posting lines that are posted as being posted.

42. (NEW) A method as in claim 23, further comprising:
entering a modification to an existing accounting line by a person using a computer; and
automatically computing adjustments required by the entered modification according to information in the stored posting lines.

43. (NEW) A method as in claim 23, further comprising:
selecting a respective posting line for updating based on information available on the posting line; and
updating the respective posting line that was selected for updating.